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8 June 1973

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chairman, Clearance Division  
Implementation Committee,  
OS/DD/PSI Reorganization

FROM : 25X1A [REDACTED]

SUBJECT : Research Branch, Clearance Division,  
OS/DD/PSI, Implementation

1. As a foundation for instant memorandum, a memorandum was directed to the Director of Security, by the Chief, Security Research Staff, dated 1 June 1973, which outlined the basic functions of SRS. Such action was considered appropriate inasmuch as the Director of Security or his predecessor had levied most of the priority functions of SRS. The Director of Security was requested to consider each function, to determine if the function should continue, continue on a low priority, or should be discontinued. The Director of Security was given the option to indicate his estimate of the possible placement of functions that were to be continued. SRS suggestions as to possible placement, including total placement of all functions in the Research Branch, were incorporated.

2. As you are aware, in response, via a memorandum dated 4 June 1973, the Director of Security provided his suggestions, coupled with those of the Deputy Director of Security. However, the Director of Security specified that the placement of each function should more properly be considered by the Reorganization Task Force as a whole in the context of the total implementation of the plan.

3. Attached for your information are blind memoranda reflecting the suggestions of the Director of Security as to continuance of SRS functions and their possible placement in the reorganization. Those SRS functions to be discontinued are not incorporated in instant memorandum.

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4. The writer concurs with those functions suggested to be retained by the Research Branch in every instance. Should you accept these suggestions, it is estimated that the Research Branch could commence functioning, in place, under the Chief, Clearance Division in less than a week. In essence, the Research Branch would be incorporating the functions of the Foreign Intelligence Operations Branch, SRS coupled with the Reinvestigation Program. Of course, those functions of SRS to be transferred to other components will affect those components as to the date they commence functioning within the reorganization. This aspect can best be estimated from the material in the attachments. The discontinuance of some SRS functions will take time and personnel for an effective approach, but will require that SRS remain as is and in place for a reasonable period.

5. I will take this opportunity to express my opinion that the intended T.O. of the Research Branch (especially when tasked with the Reinvestigation Program) is at a bare minimum to conduct a comprehensive counterintelligence program for the Office of Security.

6. The Deputy Chief, Security Research Staff, who will presumably initially hold the new position of C.I. Specialist, Clearance Division, has expressed the desire to occupy space within the complex housing the Research Branch. His desire, coupled with his expertise, his necessary guidance, and CI research material and mutual file access, dictates that this approach should be highly considered.

7. The officer handling the Reinvestigation Program has advised that the administration of his program requires his full time as well as the full time of his secretary. The question must be considered as to who will conduct the interviews relative to this program. It is recommended that a Special Agent from the Washington Field Office be detailed to the Clearance Division for this action.

8. The following attachments are included:

Functions Recommended for the Research Branch

Estimated Space and Storage Requirements for the CI Specialist and the Research Branch

Current and Continuing Functions of SAOB/SRS which could be Handled by Other than the Research Branch

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Current and Continuing Functions of LEOB/SRS which could be Handled by Other than the Research Branch

Current SRS Furniture/Classified Storage Inventory

9. The above, with Attachments, are for your consideration.

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Attachments:

As Stated

Addendum to Attachments: Current Functions of FIOB/SRS which could be Handled by other than the Research Branch

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